

THIRTEENTH DAY.

(Wednesday, March 13, 1918.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following
members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	McCord.
Atlee.	McCoy.
Beard.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McFarland.
Bell.	McMillin.
Bennette.	Mathis.
Bertram.	Meador.
Blackburn.	Mendell.
Blackmon.	Metcalfe.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Miller of Dallas.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Butler.	Murphy.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Canales.	Neill.
Carlock.	Nordhaus.
Cates.	O'Banion.
Clark.	O'Brien.
Cope.	Osborne.
Cox of Bee.	Parks.
Cox of Ellis.	Peyton.
Crudginton.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis of Harris.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Dunnam.	Schlesinger.
Estes.	Schlosshan.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Fly.	Sholars.
Ford.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Spencer.
Hardey.	Spradley.
Harris.	Sneed.
Henderson.	Stephens.
Holaday.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Johnson of Ellis.	Templeton.
Jones.	Terrell.
Laas.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Thomason
Lackey.	of El Paso.
Laney.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
Lindemann.	Thompson
McComb.	of Red River.

Tillotson.	Walker.
Tilson.	White.
Tinner.	Williams
Traylor.	of McLennan.
Upchurch.	Williford.
Vaughan.	Wilson.
Ventch.	Woods.
Wahrmund.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Valentine.
Beason.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.
Strayhorn.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Johnson of Blanco.
Bass.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.

The Speaker announced a quorum
present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C.
Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted
leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Pillow for today and tomorrow,
on motion of Mr. Davis of Harris.

Mr. Hill for today, on motion of Mr.
Walker.

Mr. Bass for today, on motion of Mr.
Schlesinger.

On motion of Mr. Poage, Mr. King
was excused for the balance of this ses-
sion on account of having been called
to work for the Red Cross in France.

BILLS ORDERED RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, House
bill No. 62 was recommitted to the
Committee on Common Carriers.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, House bill
No. 61 was recommitted to the Com-
mittee on Municipal Corporations.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was or-
dered that House bill No. 118 be not
printed.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Nacog-
doches, it was ordered that senate bi.
No. 15 be not printed.

ADDRESS OF HON. EVERITT COLBY.

Mr. Cope offered the following reso-
lution:

Whereas, The Hon. Everitt Colby,
under the direction of the national food
administration, will visit the city of

Austin Tuesday, March 19, for the purpose of discussing with the citizens of Travis county and the city of Austin the food conditions in Belgium and France, as ascertained by him through personal investigation; and

Whereas, The Hon. W. E. Long, district food administrator, has extended an invitation to the members of the Legislature to be present at the address of Mr. Everitt Colby; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives accept the invitation of Mr. Long and tender to him the use of this Hall for the address of Mr. Everitt Colby, Tuesday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Signed—Cope, McMillin, Trayler, Beasley, Stewart, Metcalfe, Blackmon, Reeves, Peyton, Henderson.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAND COMMISSIONER AND COMPTROLLER.

The Speaker handed to the Clerk and had read to the House the following communications, which were ordered printed in the Journal:

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

The House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: In response to the resolution adopted by your body this morning stating that \$25,000 was appropriated by the Thirty-fourth Legislature to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in making resurvey for the Capitol Syndicate lands, and requesting said Commissioner to report to your body the result of such survey and showing the amount of excess lands, and the amount expended in making same, beg to say the appropriation referred to was directed to be expended by the Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of the General Land Office, jointly, in the employment of surveyors for the resurveying of the Capitol Syndicate lands.

In pursuance to that appropriation, Mr. R. S. Hunnicut of Marlin, Falls county, was employed as the principal surveyor by Governor O. B. Colquitt, Attorney General B. F. Looney and myself, as Commissioner of the Land Office, and Mr. R. S. Dod of Alpine was employed as an assistant surveyor. Mr. Dod remained in that employment but a short while, and later, Mr. Behn Cook of

Marshall, Harrison county, was employed as the assistant surveyor.

The final report of the survey was submitted by Mr. Hunnicut about last October. When the report was received, the Attorney General requested that it be held without being filed until an examination could be made of it.

The accounts of expenditures will be found in the Comptroller's Department, to which I most respectfully refer you, for the amount.

Very respectfully,
J. T. ROBISON,
Commissioner.

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. J. F. Harris and Hon. J. M. Raiden, House of Representatives, Capitol.

Gentlemen: Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, stating that a resolution passed the House calling upon the Commissioner of the Land Office to make a report of results of survey of Capitol Syndicate lands and the cost of same, and stating that the Commissioner of the Land Office had informed you that you would have to apply to this department as to the money that has been paid, I beg to advise you that under the act of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature there was appropriated the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of carrying out the resurveying of the lands conveyed in payment of the building of the State Capitol. The records of this department show that the sum of \$15,852.70 was expended out of the \$25,000 appropriated.

This, I trust, will give you the information you wish.

Very truly yours,
L. W. TITTLE,
Acting Comptroller.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Messrs. Fly, Poage and Tilson, I submit for your consideration an act requiring teachers in the public free schools to conduct school work in the English language ex-

clusively, preventing the adoption of texts for elementary grades not printed in English, defining the grades in which a foreign language may be taught, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator V. A. Collins of Jefferson county, I submit for your consideration the subject of authorizing the payment of certain notes of the Board of Prison Commissioners in favor of the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company of Beaumont, said notes being as follows:

September 4, 1914, \$205.57; September 4, 1914, \$327.78; September 4, 1914, \$166.61; July 1, 1914, \$326.99.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Anderson county, Texas, to cancel all previous orders of said court authorizing the issuance of road bonds under provisions of Chapter 2, Title 18."

H. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Port Lavaca Independent School District in Calhoun county, Texas, including the town of Port Lavaca, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from

running at large in the counties named so as to include Armstrong county, and declaring and emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 93 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature approved by the Governor, March 26, 1917, and being 'An Act creating the El Paso County Court at Law, to fix and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county, and of the El Paso County Court at Law, and declaring an emergency.'"

S. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, which Act was entitled 'An Act regulating the business of co-operative savings and contract loan companies,' so that hereafter such companies may invest their funds in mortgages which shall be a first lien on real estate located in any State of the United States of America, and further permitting such companies to invest their funds in Liberty bonds and other certificates of indebtedness which have or may hereafter be authorized by the United States Congress, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

TO INVESTIGATE WOMAN'S CONFEDERATE HOME.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, have adopted a resolution, embracing certain charges against the management of the Woman's Confederate Home; and

Whereas, Said charges, which are hereto attached, are of such a character as to demand the serious attention of this House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation of the Woman's Confederate Home, in connection with the charges herewith attached; and any other charges that may be filed; that said committee be empowered to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and report back to the House as soon as prac-

licable such recommendations as its judgment may dictate.

Signed—Mendell, Robertson, Hill, O'Banion, McCord, Bryan.

Charges Against Management of Woman's Confederate Home.

1. Neglect or incompetency in management of storehouse and culinary department of the Home. Reference, Travis county court record June 29, 1917.

2. Cruelty to inmates. Reference, report of the legislative committee (investigating).

3. Neglect of the sick. Testimony can be furnished to prove same.

4. Expelling Mrs. Brack, an inmate from the Home, just at night, when she (Mrs. Brack) understood she was permitted to remain in the Home until morning.

We, the undersigned Daughters of Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, respectfully petition that proper steps be taken to readjust and improve conditions at the Confederate Woman's Home, which we think can be done by a change in the administration.

Mrs. T. H. Bowman, president; Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. F. M. Maddox, Mrs. H. E. Baxter, Mrs. C. C. Bradford, Mrs. Dora Speake Dean, Mrs. Agnes Houston, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. P. W. Drane, Mrs. A. C. Culley, Mrs. J. E. Rowe, Mrs. Oliver H. Radkey, Mrs. Forrest H. Farley, Mrs. Margaret E. Spain, Mrs. H. C. Wright, Mrs. J. S. Pannell, Mrs. Milton Morris, Mrs. Henry Hutchings, Mrs. J. S. Brownlee, Mrs. D. H. Doom, Miss Clara Sterzing, Mrs. D. H. Hewlett, Mrs. S. B. Haygood, Mrs. William Rogan, Mrs. Maggie Costley, Mrs. J. E. Pickle, Mrs. Ida Nolen, Miss Ada Nolen, Mrs. F. S. Bowman, Mrs. E. Krueger, Mrs. Chester Thrasher, Mrs. Tom Thrasher, Mrs. B. W. Giles, Mrs. S. B. Haygood.

State of Texas, County of Travis.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. S. B. Haygood, who, being by me duly sworn, does upon her oath say that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original petition now in her possession.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, A. D. 1918.

L. K. SMOOT,

Notary Public, Travis Co., Texas.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens residing

in the vicinity of the Women's Confederate Home, most respectfully petition you by this method, to take proper steps to readjust and improve conditions at the Home. We believe that a new superintendent would be of material benefit to the Home and its many inmates.

Chas. Petmecky, 209 W. Thirty-fifth Street; H. J. Petmecky, 3406 Cedar Street; Mrs. Dan Penick, 3408 Cedar Street; Mrs. John S. Swope, 3400 Cedar Street; John S. Swope, 340Q Cedar Street; Mrs. M. Belford, Mrs. Leonard Baker, Leonard Baker, Max Hoffman, Mrs. Charles T. Clarek, Mrs. H. E. Draper, Mrs. J. M. Faulk, Mrs. A. Hutohins, Mrs. G. K. McMordie, Mrs. Eva White, Mrs. L. B. Lewis, Mrs. G. U. Landrum, Mrs. J. A. Casey, Mrs. H. H. Cullen, Mrs. G. Robinson, Miss F. Robinson, H. E. Draper, Mrs. S. M. Lloyd, Mrs. E. H. Mays, Mrs. Geo. Cooke, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. J. C. Petmecky, Mrs. R. W. Budington, Mrs. R. L. Broyles, E. H. Mays, Mrs. L. E. Walker, Mrs. H. M. Maud, Mrs. H. E. O'Donnell, Mrs. Delia Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Brougher, Mary Lowery, Mrs. Chas. Petmecky, 209 W. Thirty-fifth Street, Mrs. J. E. Lander, J. E. Lander, Mrs. D. B. Spillar, Mrs. W. N. Rogan, Mrs. R. T. Badger, Mrs. J. B. Manor, Mrs. J. N. Houston, Mrs. H. C. Wright, Mrs. W. M. Cleares, Mrs. I. L. Shaw, Mrs. W. T. Plumb, Mrs. M. C. Outlaw, Mrs. H. J. Petmecky, J. P. Wallace, H. C. Wright, Mrs. Wilson Davis, Mrs. D. O. Wilson, Mrs. A. M. Mize, 204 E. Forty-third Street, Mrs. C. O. Bradford, Mrs. H. F. Murray, Mae Murray, Mrs. A. B. Calrkson, Mrs. W. L. Duncan, Mrs. H. R. Schacht, Mrs. O. Cooper, Henery R. Schacht, Mrs. Houston Smith, R. M. Crockett, Miss Hester Wells, Mrs. R. M. Crockett, Mrs. Jake Petmecky, Jake Petmecky, Mrs. C. M. Newgreen, Mrs. W. H. Badger, Mrs. H. E. Baxter.

Mrs. H. E. Baxter being first duly sworn according to law on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the original petition now in her possession, subscribed and sworn to before me this February 25, 1918.

G. W. MENDELL,

J. P. and Ex-officio Notary Public, Travis Co., Texas.

The resolution was read second time.

Pending consideration of the resolution, the Speaker announced that the time for consideration of resolutions had expired.

Mr. Mendell raised a point of order, contending that the resolution is privileged matter and does not come within the rule.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Laney moved to extend the time for consideration of the resolution for thirty minutes.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Mendell moved to suspend the House rule limiting the time for consideration of resolutions for the purpose of continuing consideration of the above resolution.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution indefinitely.

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the resolution and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Atlee.	Moore.
Beasley.	Neill.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Brown.	Sallas.
Butler.	Sentell.
Carlock.	Sholars.
Cates.	Spradley.
Cox of Ellis.	Swope.
Crudgington.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Lackey.	Tillotson.
Lange.	Upchurch.
McFarland.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of McLennan.
Monday.	Wilson.

Nays—87.

Beard.	Denton.
Bennette.	Dodd.
Bertram.	Dudley.
Blackburn.	Dunnam.
Blackmon.	Estes.
Bland.	Fly.
Bryan.	Ford.
Burton of Rusk.	Greenwood.
Cadenhead.	Haidusek.
Canales.	Hardey.
Clark.	Harris.
Cope.	Henderson.
Cox of Bee.	Holaday.
Davis of Dallas.	Holland.
Davis	Hudspeth.
of Van Zandt.	Johnson of Elljs.
De Bogory.	Laas.

Lacey.	Sackett.
Laney.	Schlosshan.
Lanier.	Seawright.
Lee.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lindemann.	Smith of Hopkins.
McComb.	Spencer.
McCord.	Sneed.
McCoy.	Stephens.
McDowra.	Stewart.
McMillin.	Taylor.
Mathis.	Templeton.
Meador.	Terrell.
Mendell.	Thomas.
Miller of Austin.	Thomason
Murphy.	of El Paso.
Murrell.	Thompson
Nordhaus.	of Red River.
O'Banion.	Tilson.
O'Brien.	Tinner.
Osborne.	Traylor.
Parks.	Vaughan.
Peyton.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Wahrmund.
Reeves.	Walker.
Richards.	White.
Robertson.	Williford.
Roemer.	Woods.
Rogers.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Davis of Harris.

Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Beason.	Schlesinger.
Bell.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Thompson
Davis of Grimes.	of Hunt.
Fairchild.	Valentine.
Metcalfe.	Williams
Morris.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Bass.	Lowe.
Bedell.	Pillow.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson of Blanco.	

Question then recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to

inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Brownfield Independent School District."

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm the action of the board of commissioners of the city of Galveston, passed March 1, 1918, conveying and releasing to the Galveston Dry Dock & Construction Company, a corporation of Galveston county, Texas, that certain area of territory in Galveston Bay, being a part of what is known as Pelican Island, and the flats south thereof, as fully described by metes and bounds in said act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

S. B. No. 18, "An Act to create and establish the Batson Independent School District in Hardin county, Texas."

S. B. No. 21, "An Act creating the Sugarland Independent School District in Fort Bend county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 5, Providing copies of enrolled bills for the Secretary of State.

S. C. R. No. 7, Relating to waste paper.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an appropriation to cover a prospective deficiency in the maintenance fund of that department.

In this connection I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner, in which he

makes a request for a deficiency warrant in the amount of \$800.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

(Copy.)

January 19, 1918.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor, Capitol.

Dear Sir: I am compelled to ask you for a deficiency warrant for the sum of \$800, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the general running expense fund of this department.

Below I give you an itemized statement of the amount of the bills now on hand which must be paid by deficiency warrants:

W. T. Graham, Maud, Texas...	\$ 9.00
W. T. Graham, Maud, Texas...	18.00
Central Garage, Houston, Texas	17.40
J. M. Hodges, Dallas, Texas...	54.85
F. L. Rugley Co., Matagorda, Texas	4.25
S. W. Tel. & Tel. Co., Austin, Texas	15.05
E. L. Steck, Austin, Texas.....	24.18
Coast Phone Co., Pt. Lavaca...	5.10
Gel. L. Glass & Sons, Houston, Texas	26.84
Gulf Refining Company, Houston, Texas	41.90
Gulf Refining Company, Houston, Texas	45.85
Magnolia Petroleum Company, Houston, Texas	221.73
The Texas Company, Houston, Texas	1.00
The Texas Company, Houston, Texas	57.65
The City Machine Shop, Pt. Lavaca	178.45
Aransas Foundry & Machine Works, Aransas Pass.....	4.75
	<hr/> \$725.95

This necessity arises owing to the high price of all material used in our department, more especially gasoline, oils and repairs.

We beg to state that we are returning to the Treasurer in the several different funds appropriated to this department, other than this fund, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and six cents (\$1787.06).

Should you find this request justifiable, we would certainly appreciate your granting this request.

We have fought hard against this, and have economized on every corner, but these unlooked for expenses could not be

overcome and carry on the department as it should be.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) WILL W. WOOD,
Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner.
By H. T. Bailey, Chief Deputy.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject: "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Dr. John Preston, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an increased appropriation for dry goods and clothing for the State Lunatic Asylum for the years ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Dr. J. C. Loggins, Superintendent of the Texas Confederate Home, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an increased appropriation to cover a prospective deficiency for clothing.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Dr. John Preston, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an

appropriation sufficient to repair or replace the boilers now used in the power house of that institution.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. Wm. Schlesinger and Hon. W. E. Thomason, I submit for your consideration the subject of enacting a law to authorize the acknowledgments of written instruments and the taking of depositions of witnesses in the military or naval service of the United States by officers authorized under the military laws of the United States to administer oaths.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. R. H. Jones, I submit for your consideration An Act to amend Article 3944, as amended by an Act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 30, 1917, being Chapter 154 of the Acts of said Session relating to forcible entry and detainer and to the issuance of citation and the service thereof and the giving of bond by plaintiffs and defendants in suits of that character, providing that in case the plaintiff shall file a bond in an amount to be fixed by the justice of the peace issuing such citation, he shall be placed in possession of the property unless the defendant shall within six days from the service of citation execute and deliver to the officer serving such citation a bond in a sum at least double the amount of the bond given by the plaintiff, to be approved by said officer, and conditioned that the defendant, in case judgment is rendered against him, will pay all costs of suit and the reasonable rental or value of the use of the property to the time of making such bond, and also the reasonable value or rental of same while the suit is pending and until it is finally disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senators A. C. Buchanan and Geo. M. Hopkins, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

An Act authorizing the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to employ not less than three lecturers from among the registered nurses of the State to visit the different high schools, colleges and universities of the State, those supported by public as well as private funds, to arouse a greater interest among young women in the profession of nursing, with the view of securing volunteers for this work, authorizing said board to fix the salary and compensation of said lecturers and term of service, and providing for the payment of their compensation and expenses from fees accumulated and now in the possession of or under the control of said board.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Walter D. Caldwell, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Chapter 11, Title 17, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, so as to add thereto Article 1355a, making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to steal any domesticated animal, bird or fowl.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representatives J. H. Woods, C. E. Upchurch and R. L. Williford, and Senator A. C. Robbins, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law making additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and for

the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919.
Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.
To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth
Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. Wm. L. Schlesinger, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to amend Article 7355, Title 126, Chapter 1, Revised Statutes of 1911, relating to occupation tax on amusement parks operated for profit.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 ON ENGROSSMENT.

Mr. Nordhaus called up for consideration at this time, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor for anyone in local option counties having in his or her possession any intoxicating liquor, or anything that will produce intoxication, or procuring anything of intoxication for any person without divulging the name of the seller if called upon by anyone authorized by law, and providing a penalty for the failure thereof."

The bill, on Monday, March 11, having been read second time and laid on the table subject to call.

Question recurring on engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—73.

Bennette.	Dodd.
Bertram.	Dunnam.
Blackmon.	Estes.
Brown.	Fairchild.
Bryan.	Hardey.
Burton of Rusk.	Harris.
Canales.	Henderson.
Carlock.	Holaday.
Cates.	Johnson of Ellis.
Clark.	Jones.
Cope.	Lacey.
Davis of Dallas.	Laney.
Davis of Grimes.	Lee.
Davis of Harris.	McCoy.
Davis	McMillin.
of Van Zandt.	Mathis.
De Bogory.	Mendell.
Denton.	Metcalfe.

Miller of Austin.	Smith of Hopkins.
Miller of Dallas.	Spencer.
Monday.	Spradley.
Moore.	Sneed.
Murphy.	Stephens.
Murrell.	Stewart.
Neill.	Swope.
Nordhaus.	Templeton.
O'Banion.	Thomas.
O'Brien.	Thomason
Parks.	of El Paso.
Poage.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Red River.
Reeves.	Tinner.
Richards.	Traylor.
Rogers.	Veatch.
Sallas.	White.
Sentell.	Williams
Seawright.	of McLennan.
Sholars.	Wilson.
Smith of Bastrop.	Yantis.

Nays—41.

Atlee.	McComb.
Beard.	McCord.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Bell.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	Meador.
Bland.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Peyton.
Butler.	Roemer.
Cadenhead.	Schlesinger.
Cox of Bee.	Schlosshan.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Terrell.
Fly.	Thomason
Ford.	of Nacogdoches.
Greenwood.	Tillotson.
Holland.	Tilson.
Laas.	Vaughan.
Lackey.	Walker.
Lange.	Williford.
Lanier.	Woods.
Lindemann.	

Present—Not Voting.

Upchurch.

Absent.

Bagby.	Sackett.
Beason.	Strayhorn.
Cox of Ellis.	Thompson
Haidusek.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Valentine.
Morris.	Wahrmund.
Pope.	Williams
Robertson.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Johnson of Blanco
Bass.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.

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RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Murrell, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 23, to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

S. B. No. 41, to the Judiciary Committee.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, House bill No. 28, providing for the creation of a conservation department of the State government, was set as a special order for 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow, Thursday, March 14.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Mauriceville Independent School District in Orange county, Texas, etc."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Bowie county; to provide for the jurisdiction of and procedure in said court; to fix the time for holding the term of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, powers and compensation of a judge of said court; depriving and divesting the district court of Bowie county of jurisdiction of all criminal cases; providing from and after the taking effect of this act for the transfer of all criminal cases from the district court of the Fifth Judicial District of

Texas held in Bowie county, and from the county court of Bowie county to the criminal district court of Bowie county created by this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 889, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, amending Chapter 6, Title 13, of the Penal Code of 1911, and which amendment relates to the closed season for killing doves, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Tilson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 52 by striking out all of Article 889a and insert the following: "From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful to kill doves in this State except from the 15th day of January and the first day of February of each year."

Mr. Spradley offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend House bill No. 52 by striking out line 13.

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was lost.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Miller of Dallas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill that this act shall only affect that part of the State south of latitude 31½.

Signed—Miller of Dallas, Miller of Austin.

Mr. Bland moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—59.

Atlee.	Cope.
Bass.	Cox of Ree.
Beard.	Crudgington.
Beasley.	Davis of Harris.
Bertram.	Davis
Bland.	of Van Zandt.
Bryan.	Dunnam.
Butler.	Fairchild.
Cadenhead.	Fly.
Cates.	Ford.
Clark.	Haidusek.

Harris.	Robertson.
Henderson.	Roemer.
Laas.	Sackett.
Lackey.	Sallas.
Lanier.	Schlosshan.
Lindemann.	Seawright.
McCord.	Sholars.
McDowra.	Smith of Bastrop.
McFarland.	Swope.
Mathis.	Thomason
Meador.	of Nacogdoches.
Mendell.	Thompson
Moore.	of Hunt.
Murphy.	Tillotson.
Murrell.	Tilson.
Neill.	Tinner.
Nordhaus.	Taylor.
O'Brien.	Wahrmund.
Peyton.	White.
Richards.	Yantis.

Nays—52.

Bell.	Parks.
Bennette.	Poage.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Bledsoe.	Reeves.
Brown.	Rogers.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Cox of Ellis.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Spencer.
Davis of Grimes.	Spradley.
De Bogory.	Sneed.
Dodd.	Stephens.
Dudley.	Stewart.
Estes.	Taylor.
Holaday.	Terrell.
Holland.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Johnson of Ellis.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Laney.	Upchurch.
Lee.	Vaughan.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Williams
McMillin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Williford.
Miller of Dallas.	Wilson.
O'Banion.	Woods.
Osborne.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Monday.
Beason.	Morris.
Blackburn.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Schlesinger.
Canales.	Strayhorn.
Carlock.	Templeton.
Denton.	Valentine.
Greenwood.	Walker.
Hardey.	Williams
Lange.	of Brazoria.
Metcalf.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Hill.
Bedell.	Johnson of Blanco.

King.
Lowe.

Pillow.
Smith of Scurry.

Mr. Cox of Bee offered the following amendment to the bill:

To amend House bill No. 52, Article 889a, by inserting after the word "doves," in line 19, "and white wings, commonly known as doves."

Mr. Peyton moved the previous question on the amendment and final passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Question next recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 52 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—59.

Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Beard.	Monday.
Beasley.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murphy.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nordhaus.
Butler.	O'Brien.
Cates.	Richards.
Clark.	Robertson.
Cope.	Roemer.
Cox of Bee.	Sackett.
Davis of Harris.	Schlesinger.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
Denton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Swope.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Fly.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of Nacogdoches.
Hardey.	Thompson
Harris.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Lackey.	Tillotson.
Lindemann.	Tilson.
McCord.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Traylor.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.
Mathis.	White.
Meador.	Yantis.
Mendell.	

Nays—55.

Bell.	De Bogory.
Blackmon.	Dodd.
Bledsoe.	Dudley.
Brown.	Dunnam.
Cadenhead.	Ford.
Cansles.	Greenwood.
Cox of Ellis.	Henderson.
Davis of Dallas.	Holaday.
Davis of Grimes.	Holland.

Hudspeth.
Johnson of Ellis.
Jones.
Laney.
Lanier.
Lee.
McComb.
McMillin.
Miller of Dallas.
Moore.
O'Banion.
Parks.
Peyton.
Poage.
Raiden.
Reeves.
Rogers.
Sallas.
Sentell.
Sholars.

Smith of Hopkins.
Spencer.
Spradley.
Sneed.
Stephens.
Stewart.
Templeton.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Upchurch.
Vaughan.
Veatch.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.
Wilson.
Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Bass.	Bennette.
	Absent.
Bagby.	Osborne.
Beason.	Pope.
Blackburn.	Smith of Scurry.
Burton of Tarrant.	Strayhorn.
Carlock.	Valentine.
Crudgington.	Walker.
Lange.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
Metcalfe.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Hill.	Pillow.
Johnson of Blanco.	

Mr. Bland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

Question first recurring on the motion to table, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Mr. Speaker.	Cope.
Atlee.	Cox of Bee.
Bass.	Crudgington.
Beard.	Davis of Harris.
Beasley.	Davis
Bertram.	of Van Zandt.
Blackburn.	Denton.
Bland.	Estes.
Brown.	Fairchild.
Bryan.	Fly.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Butler.	Hardey.
Cadenhead.	Harris.
Cates.	Laas.

Lacey.	Sackett.
Lackey.	Schlesinger.
Lanier.	Schlosshan.
Lindemann.	Seawright.
McCord.	Smith of Bastrop.
Mathis.	Swope.
Meador.	Taylor.
Mendell.	Thomason
Metcalfe.	of Nacogdoches.
Miller of Austin.	Thompson
Monday.	of Hunt.
Morris.	Thompson
Murphy.	of Red River.
Murrell.	Tillotson.
Neill.	Tilson.
Nordhaus.	Tinner.
O'Brien.	Traylor.
Peyton.	Wahrmund.
Richards.	White.
Robertson.	Yantis.
Roemer.	

Nays—55.

Bell.	O'Banion.
Bennette.	Osborne.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Canales.	Raiden.
Cox of Ellis.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Dudley.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dunnam.	Spradley.
Ford.	Sneed.
Greenwood.	Stephens.
Henderson.	Stewart.
Holaday.	Templeton.
Holland.	Terrell.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Laney.	Upchurch.
Lee.	Vaughan.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Williams
McDowra.	of McLennan.
McFarland.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.
Miller of Dallas.	Woods.
Moore.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Spencer.
Beason.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Valentine.
Carlock.	Walker.
Clark.	Williams
Lange.	of Brazoria.
Pope.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Hill.	Pillow.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Scurry.

SENATE BILL NO. 17 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1361, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to permit the organization or reorganization of unorganized or disorganized counties upon a petition expressing such desire, signed by not less than seventy-five qualified voters, residing in such unorganized or disorganized county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—107.

Mr. Speaker.	Laas.
Atlee.	Lacey.
Bass.	Lackey.
Beard.	Laney.
Beasley.	Lanier.
Bell.	Lindemann.
Bennette.	McComb.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McFarland.
Bland.	McMillin.
Bledsoe.	Mathis.
Brown.	Meador.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Burton of Rusk.	Metcalfe.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Monday.
Canales.	Moore.
Cates.	Morris.
Cope.	Murphy.
Cox of Bee.	Murrell.
Davis of Dallas.	Neill.
Davis of Grimes.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Harris.	O'Banion.
Davis	O'Brien.
of Van Zandt.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Peyton.
Denton.	Poage.
Dodd.	Raiden.
Dudley.	Reeves.
Dunnam.	Richards.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Fly.	Rogers.
Ford.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Schlosshan.
Harris.	Seawright.
Henderson.	Sholars.
Holaday.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Jones.	Stephens.

Stewart.	Tinner.
Swope.	Traylor.
Terrell.	Upchurch.
Thomas.	Vaughan.
Thomason	Veatch.
of El Paso.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Williford.
of Hunt.	Wilson.
Tillotson.	Woods.
Tilson.	Yantis.

Nays—5.

Crudgington.	Sentell.
Lee.	Sneed.
McCord.	

Present—Not Voting.

Cox of Ellis.	Taylor.
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Absent.

Bagby.	Spencer.
Beason.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Templeton.
Carlock.	Thompson
Clark.	of Red River.
Johnson of Ellis.	Valentine.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Miller of Dallas.	Walker.
Osborne.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Hill.	Pillow.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Scurry.

SENATE BILL NO. 24 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading:

S. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 637d of Section 2, Chapter 203, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, prohibiting overlapping road districts and requiring the commissioners courts in case one road district conflicts with, or overlaps another district, to pass an order correctly redefining it, and validating all overlapping road districts, except the part thereof which overlaps or embraces any portion of a contiguous road district or road districts, and ratifying all regular and proper proceedings had with reference to bonds issued therein, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Close City Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees thereof, and defining their powers and authority, authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess, and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds therefor, and providing for an assessor and collector of taxes thereof, and providing for a board of equalization of said school district; providing an election of trustees thereof, and providing for an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Mr. Speaker.	Hill.
Atlee.	Holland.
Bass.	Hudspeth.
Beard.	Johnson of Ellis.
Beasley.	Laas.
Bell.	Lacey.
Bennette.	Lackey.
Bertram.	Laney.
Blackburn.	Lanier.
Blackmon.	Lee.
Bland.	Lindemann.
Bledsoe.	McComb.
Brown.	McCoy.
Bryan.	McDowra.
Burton of Rusk.	McFarland.
Butler.	McMillin.
Cadenhead.	Mathis.
Cates.	Meador.
Clark.	Mendell.
Cope.	Metcalfe.
Cox of Bee.	Miller of Austin.
Cox of Ellis.	Miller of Dallas.
Crudgington.	Monday.
Davis of Dallas.	Morris.
Davis of Grimes.	Murphy.
Davis of Harris.	Murrell.
Davis	Neill.
of Van Zandt.	Nordhaus.
De Bogory.	O'Brien.
Denton.	Osborne.
Dodd.	Parks.
Dudley.	Peyton.
Fairchild.	Raiden.
Fly.	Reeves.
Ford.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Robertson.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Harris.	Rogers.
Henderson.	Sackett.

Sallas.	Thomason
Sentell.	of Nacogdoches.
Schlesinger.	Thompson
Schlosshan.	of Hunt.
Seawright.	Thompson
Sholars.	of Red River.
Smith of Bastrop.	Tillotson.
Smith of Hopkins.	Tilson.
Smith of Scurry.	Tinner.
Spradley.	Traylor.
Sneed.	Upchurch.
Stephens.	Vaughan.
Stewart.	Veatch.
Swope.	Walker.
Taylor.	White.
Templeton.	Williams
Thomas.	of McLennan.
Thomason	Williford.
of El Paso.	Wilson.
	Yantis.

Nays—1.

O'Banion.

Present—Not Voting.

Canales.

Absent.

Bagby.	Poage.
Beason.	Pope.
Carlock.	Spencer.
Dunnam.	Strayhorn.
Estes.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Valentine.
Holaday.	Wahrmund.
Jones.	Williams
Lange.	of Brazoria.
McCord.	Woods.
Moore.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Bedell.	Lowe.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Johnson of Blanco.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 30 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Tilson called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named so as to include Armstrong county, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Tilson the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House today, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 38, "An Act creating and incorporating the Brownfield Independent School District in Terry county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 40, "An Act adding to and making a part of the Port Lavaca Independent School District in Calhoun county, Texas, including the town of Port Lavaca, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 45, "An Act to ratify and confirm the action of the board of commissioners of the city of Galveston, passed March 1, 1918, conveying and releasing the Galveston Dry Dock & Construction Company, a corporation of Galveston county, Texas, that certain area of territory in Galveston Bay being a part of what is known as Pelican Island, and the flats south thereof, as fully described by metes and bounds in said act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, "An Act to authorize and empower the commissioners court of Anderson county, Texas, to cancel and revoke all previous orders of said court authorizing the issuance of road bonds under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and under all acts amendatory thereof, and to annul the bond election at which such bonds were voted, where such bonds or the transcripts thereof have been disapproved by the Attorney General or where such bonds cannot be legally issued and offered for sale, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Bryan:

H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2585, Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the quali-

fications of drainage district commissioners; providing for the appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office; providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters, and providing the duties of such officers, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Bryan:

H. B. No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts; providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose; providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation, and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Mendell and Mr. Fairchild:

H. B. No. 126, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and fix the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds of the State of Texas, providing for an appropriation to pay said salary, and creating an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Carlock, Mr. Williford, Mr. Mendell and Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring syphilis, gonorrhea and chancroid, and hereinafter designated as venereal diseases, to be contagious, infectious, communicable, and dangerous to the public health; providing for and requiring reports to be made by physicians and others in all cases of such disease; requiring patients affected with venereal disease to give information thereof; requiring city, county and local health officers to ascertain the existence of such diseases and the sources of infection; providing for the protection of others from infection from such diseases; providing the condition under which the name of the patients is required to be reported; requiring druggists to keep a record of sales of drugs for venereal diseases; prohibiting any person from knowingly exposing another to infection from venereal diseases; providing for the giving of certificate of freedom from such diseases; providing

that the records and all information concerning the persons infected with such diseases shall be kept secret from the public; providing for penalty for violations of this act; investing the State, county and local health officers with all authority now provided for the enforcement of quarantine regulations, to enforce the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Fly, Mr. Poage, Mr. Tilson and Mr. Johnson of Ellis:

H. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring teachers in the public free schools to conduct school work in the English language exclusively, preventing the adoption of texts for elementary grades not printed in English, defining the grades in which a foreign language may be taught, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 129, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7355, Title 126, Chapter 1, Revised Statutes of 1911, by adding thereto Section 41 and Section 41a, to read as follows, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3944 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, as amended by an Act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 30, 1917, being Chapter 154 of the Acts of said Session relating to forcible entry and detainer and to the issuance of citation and the service thereof and the giving of bond by plaintiffs and defendants in suits of that character; providing, that in case the plaintiff shall file a bond in an amount to be fixed by the justice of the peace issuing such citation, he shall be placed in possession of the property unless the defendant shall within six days from the service of citation execute and deliver to the officer serving such citation a bond in a sum at least double the amount of the bond given by the plaintiff, to be approved by said officer, and conditioned that the defendant, in case judgment is rendered against him, will pay all costs of suit and a reasonable rental or value of the use of the

property to the time of making such bond, and also the reasonable value or rental of same while the suit is pending and until it is finally disposed of, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Thomason:

H. B. No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the acknowledgments of written instruments and the taking of depositions of witnesses in the military or naval service of the United States by officers of the United States authorized under the military laws of the United States to administer oaths, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Woods, Mr. Upchurch and Mr. Williford:

H. B. No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and for the fiscal year ending

By Mr. Butler and Mr. Lindemann: gency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Butler and Mr. Lindermann:

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Tillotson and Mr. Holland:

H. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the payment by the State Prison Commission of debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915, for which appropriation was made from the general revenues by Chapter 201, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session; providing that the sum of three hundred and sixty-two thousand four hundred and twenty-three and 43-100 dollars paid in discharge of prison system indebtedness from the general revenues for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1917, be transferred from the special funds of the Prison Commission

to the general revenue; providing that the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and 51-100 dollars provided to be paid from the general revenues during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1918, in discharge of prison system indebtedness be paid from the funds of the prison system at the time and under the conditions specified in the said acts providing for payment of such Prison Commission indebtedness and interest thereon, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Mr. Thomason of El Paso and Mr. Dudley:

H. B. No. 135, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 921 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature in 1911, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Johnson of Ellis:

H. B. No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3091, 3092, 3095 and 3096 of the Revised Civil Statutes so as to provide for nominations by preferential ballots; providing for the voters to express their numerical choice for candidates, providing for form of official ballots at the primary election, prescribing a test and providing a method for counting the votes."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Cope:

H. B. No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Articles 7407, 7408 and 7418, Revised Statutes, 1911, providing for a State Tax Board and devolving the duties heretofore placed upon such board upon the Railroad Commission of Texas; amending Articles 7410, 7411, 7412, 7413, 7415, 7417, 7419, 7420, 7422 and 7424, prescribing certain duties and powers heretofore vested in the State Tax Board so as to vest such powers and duties upon the Railroad Commission of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, the House at 3 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 82, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fly has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLEDSON, Vice Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 81, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McMillin has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLEDSON, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 107, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Butler has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLEDSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 106, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do

pass. Mr. Thompson of Hunt has been appointed to make a full report thereon.
CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 105, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackmon has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 104, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment.

CLARK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 123, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 115, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Terrell has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 113, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Holaday has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 116, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Cope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 101, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McDowra has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Acting Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 124, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Harris has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 125, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hardey has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 120, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 118, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 11, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 74, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Carlock has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

OSBORNE, Acting Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT ON H. B. NO. 28.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Having reserved the right to make a minority report on House bill

No. 28, by Tillotson and others, I beg to submit the following:

1. The bill seeks to disrupt the State Department of Levees and Drainage. No reason is given other than it would "combine two departments."

2. It would combine the Board of Water Engineers with Levee and Drainage Department, and thus disorganize that department.

3. At an extended hearing and discussion it was not shown by anyone that there would be any money saved the State, or that it would add efficiency to the execution of the laws.

4. All interested parties now acting under the levee law and the present district irrigation law, who appeared, were emphatic in stating that this bill is not necessary or desired by them and wanted only to be "let alone" to pursue their business.

5. Legal uncertainties about what this law would mean when interpreted by the courts would hinder business and probably stop the sale of bonds on levee and irrigation projects.

6. It is a voluminous attempt to a chimerical and impossible thing, and I suggest that all who are not entirely familiar with it, as well as those who understand its vicious possibilities join to prevent its passage; because it is unnecessary, not desired by the people at large or those affected by it.

Respectfully submitted,

METCALFE.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 98, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Murphy has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

YANTIS, Acting Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 126, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 132, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 889, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, amending Chapter 6, Title 13 of the Penal Code of 1911, and which amendment relates to the closed season for killing doves, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Close Independent School District in Garza county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

In Memory
of
Mrs. R. L. Pillow

Mr. Spencer offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Mrs. R. L. Pillow, the mother of our fellow member, has been called to her eternal reward; and

Whereas, In her death the family has lost a loving and kind mother and the State one of its noblest women; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in this hour of the family's bereavement we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy; and that the Clerk of the House send to the family a copy of this resolution, and that a page of the House Journal be dedicated to her memory, and when the House adjourns today it do so in honor of this noble woman of the South.

SPENCER,
UPCHURCH,
O'BANION,
THOMPSON of Red River,
THOMAS,
FLY.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Spencer moved to adopt the resolution by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted unanimously.